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Torrance, California
April 25, 1950

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, April 25, 1950, at 8:08 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Smith.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Powell moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12th and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of April 18th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had come to open bids for certain street improvement and Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following:

Bidder	Project 22 - Crenshaw Blvd.	Project 23 - Hawthorne Ave. & Others	(County Aid) Hawthorne Ave. & Newton Street
Ken H. Jones	\$15,250.02	\$21,390.36	\$7,262.50
Vido Kovacevich Co.	11,646.97	22,533.72	7,043.85
Griffith Company	10,604.50	18,341.40	5,926.60

Bidder	Project 22 - Hawthorne Ave.		(County Aid)
	Crenshaw Blvd.	& Others	Hawthorne Ave. & Newton Street
Warren Southwest	\$11,128.72	\$18,293.76	\$ 5,582.14
Oswald Bros. Co.	11,877.10	20,104.08	7,335.80
C. O. Sparks, Inc. & Mundo Engineering Co.	10,976.30	21,438.00	6,759.25

Councilman Drale moved that the bid of the Griffith Co. be accepted on the Crenshaw job, Project 22, and that the bids of Warren Southwest be accepted on the other two jobs, being low bidders, and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced his appointments to Standing Committees as follows:

FINANCE - Haggard (Chairman), Spelman and Powell
 PARKS & RECREATION - Powell (Chairman), Blount and Spelman
 INSPECTION, AUDITORIUM, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC LIBRARY - Blount
 (Chairman), Powell and Spelman
 POLICE & FIRE - Spelman (Chairman), Blount and Haggard
 STREET, SEWER & GARBAGE - Drale (Chairman), Powell and Blount
 Alternates on the Finance Committee are Blount and Drale.

Councilman Powell moved that these appointments be taken under consideration for vote at the next regular meeting. There being no second, motion was declared lost. Councilman Spelman moved that the appointments be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Powell. ABSENT COUNCILMEN: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were read by Clerk Bartlett:

Letter from Dr. Moshos offering the City a 10' easement on the Carson St. side of his property at Western and Carson in return for the removal of some trees along Carson and Western. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the City Manager for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from Harold L. Sharkey again urging regulation of coin-operated amusement machines rather than prohibition. Short discussion followed with Councilman Powell moving that the City Attorney call a meeting of the new Council for the purpose of outlining the manner and procedure of approving ordinances and resolutions. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from General Petroleum Corp. submitting surety bond in connection with the franchise recently transferred from the Texas Company under our Franchise Ordinance No. 351. Matter of record.

Letter from F. J. Smith, Gardena, protesting 15¢ fare from Gardena to Harbor General Hospital. Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Request from Consolidated Photographers for renewal of their 1949 photo-solicitor license. Councilman Powell moved the request be referred to the City Attorney and Chief of Police for their recommendation at next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from Charles E. Fuller returning City business license No. 1207 and requesting refund. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from Robert E. Ward, Walteria, returning unused building permit and requesting refund. City Manager Stevens advised they had a minimum service charge which would have to be deducted before refund. Councilman Powell moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Supt. of Recreation Carpenter recommending approval of American Legions request (also read) for use of the Ball Park from August 4th to September 4th for the Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament. Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur with the recommendation and that the necessary agreement be drawn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from Supt. of Recreation Carpenter urging action with Board of Education on disposal of control of Fern Avenue Park. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the next regular agenda meeting for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission requesting an ordinance establishing a minimum building area of 750 square feet for any permanent residential building. Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission relative to action taken on the following matters:

Case No. 191: Petition of Rose Annie Cooper for a Variance and Conditional Permit to establish, operate and maintain a plant for the processing, sale and retail and wholesale distribution of milk and dairy products, at the corner of 203rd St. and Western Ave., being the south one-half of Lot 10, Tract No. 6223. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Commission to approve the above petition.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The following Final Tract Maps were recommended for approval:

(a) No. 12777, submitted by Truman Browne, located on 182nd St, 960' east of Hawthorne Blvd. and consisting of 12 lots.

(b) No. 13994, submitted by Sande Senness, located at the easterly end of that portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 9765, lying between Pacific Coast Highway and Newton St. and consisting of 80 lots.

(c) No. 15926, submitted by American Land Company, consisting of 52 lots and located on the northeast corner of 190th St. and Arlington Ave.

(d) No. 16504, submitted by James N. Starbird and Associates, consisting of 83 lots and located south of Redondo Beach Blvd. and west of the easterly City boundary of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the final tract maps, the last three, however, subject to sewers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

(e) No. 16332, submitted by Bert Murphy, consisting of 25 lots and located on the northwest corner of 182nd St. and Yukon.

After some discussion concerning possibility of requiring sewer installation, and City Manager Stevens advising it would be practically impossible, Councilman Drale moved to accept the map. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The request of Monte D. Healey, Owner's Agent, for permission to construct an addition to an existing building situated in rear corner of lot at 1010 Beech Ave. and owned by M. N. Felker, was recommended for approval.

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Councilman Powell moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

The request of E. L. Byrd, for a set-back variance from 20' to 15' on Lot 24, Block "B", Tract No. 10304, in Hollywood Riviera, was recommended for approval.

Councilman Powell moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

It was the unanimous recommendation of the Commission to request that the City Council amend Ordinance No. 443, changing the meeting night for the Planning Commission from Tuesday to Wednesday, in order to have the advantage of legal advice from the City Attorney.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be instructed to so amend the ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Planning Commission inviting the Council to a joint dinner meeting on May 4th. Councilman Powell moved that the City Manager set the joint meeting date as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from City Manager Stevens making the following recommendations:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of rock and oil for the improvement of Garnet Street, the sum of \$1,395.00.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinances to establish the following regulatory signs, in accordance with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission:

1. One-hour parking on the west side of Cabrillo Avenue between Sartori and Cravens Avenues.
2. Two-hour parking on Gramercy Avenue between Border Avenue and Carson Street.

Councilman Powell moved to concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from City Manager reporting on matters previously referred to him for investigation, as follows:

1. Opening and Improving Earl Street. It will be necessary to acquire right of way for the proposed Earl Street. No definite roadway along the proposed alignment has been established. Easements from Mr. Quandt and from Ellinwood Estate must be obtained before any improvements are started. An attempt will be made to acquire the necessary right of way.
2. Ocean Avenue between Sepulveda Blvd. and 230th Street. I recommend that this section of roadway be included in our Improvement Program.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Report of City Manager on personnel appointments, as follows:

1. Warner O. Wallace, painter, to serve his probationary period, effective April 16, 1950, at a salary of \$231 per month. (Has been a temporary employee as a painter)

2. Raymond H. Reese, to serve his probationary period as Electric and Acetylene Welder, effective April 16, 1950, at a salary of \$253 per month. (Has been acting as welder)
3. Kenneth A. Kesson, temporarily employed as a Jr. Recreation worker, effective April 10, 1950, at a salary of \$1.00 per hour.
4. LaVerne Gerl, temporarily employed as a Typist Clerk, effective April 24, 1950, at a salary of \$176 per month.
5. Jack Tucker, appointed to serve his probationary period as Power Equipment Operator II, effective May 1, 1950, at a salary of \$277 per month.
6. Paul C. Skaggs, appointed to serve his probationary period as Power Equipment Operator II, effective May 1, 1950, at a salary of \$242 per month.
7. Sam C. Ward, appointed as Watchman on a temporary basis, effective May 1, 1950, at a salary of \$176 per month.

Councilman Powell moved the Council concur in the appointments. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Petition signed by 35 residents opposing extension of City Dump and urging it be filled and adjoining property acquired for park purposes. Councilman Powell moved the site be visited, discussion had with the Recreation Commission, and report made at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2062

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING SIGNATURES ON THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2062. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reminded the Council they should accept the water survey report of Mr. Montgomery. Councilman Powell moved the Council accept the report as submitted re the water survey, received earlier in the evening, and made a matter of record for later discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

City Attorney Smith asked for authorization to defend the City and former Council in the suit filed by Mr. and Mrs. Nuccio. Councilman Powell moved the City Attorney be instructed to take the necessary action to defend the City and former Council for their action in revoking the permit granted Mr. Nuccio. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved the City Manager be authorized to call for a civil service examination for the position of City Engineer as, with the rapid growth of the City, it was unfair to have the City Manager act in both capacities. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Powell moved that at the next regular meeting the Mayor fill the necessary vacancies on the various Commissions of the City, with the concurrence of the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council authorize the payment of \$1.00 membership for each Recreation Commission member, the Superintendent and the members of the Parks and Recreation Committee for the Recreation Institute meeting to be held in Redondo. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Councilman Powell invited the public to attend the "Lights On" ceremony at the Walteria Park on May 5th to celebrate the new lights.

Councilman Powell moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

There being no other oral communications, Councilman Powell, at 9:45 p.m., moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE